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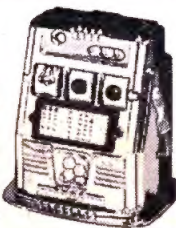
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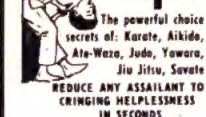
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PARK

AFTER THE DEFEAT OF HYDRA (SEE LAST ISM), THE MASSIVE HELI-CARRIER HAS DOCKED FOR REPAIRS IN NEW YORK! NOW, THE INNER CIRCLE OF THE SHIELD ORGANIZATION PREPARES TO BID EACH OTHER FAREWELL--AND A STARTLING NEW SAGA BEGINS TO UNFOLD...

HOW'S IT FEEL TO BE BACK IN CIVILIZATION, AGAIN, GABE?

NOT BAD, NICK! MAKES ME WONDER, THOUGH... ONE DAY WE'RE FIGHTIN' FOR OUR LIVES... THE NEXT, JUST A COUPLE JOE'S STANDIN' ON THE CORNER OF FORTY-THIRD AND BROADWAY! LIFE GOES ON, HUH, COLONEL?



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LOOK AT THAT, AGENT
DUGAN! THE GLORY OF
SHIELD EMBLAZONED
ACROSS EVERY FRONT
PAGE IN AMERICA!

THAT'S RIGHT, JUNIOR!
YA KNOW, YOU MIGHT EVEN
BE ABLE TA START YOUR OWN
ROCK 'N' ROLL GROUP
WITH ALL THIS FREE
PUBLICITY!

WHEN YOU TWO CLOWNS
ARE FINISHED WITH THAT,
HAND IT OVER! I GOTTA
CATCH UP ON DICK
TRACY!

YA KNOW, IT AIN'T
GONNA BE THE SAME,
NICK! THE FOUR OF US
NOT BEING TOGETHER
I MEAN!

BUT... ORDERS
ARE ORDERS!



AND, SPEAKING OF ORDERS,
I HAVE SOME OF MY
OWN!

UNFORTUNATELY, I
AM PLEDGED TO
SECRECY AT PRESENT,
BUT I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT
THEM AT THE EARLIEST
OPPORTUNITY!



AS FOR ME, I'LL BE DOIN' WHAT
I DO BEST... AN' THAT'S BLOWIN'
THIS HERE HORN! GOT A GIG DOWN
IN THE VILLAGE, AN' I GOTTA ADMIT
IT'S GONNA BE A GASSONE DOIN'
UNDERCOVER WORK RIGHT IN
YOUR OWN BACKYARD! BWO!



JUST MAKE SURE AN' KEEPER
EYES AND EARS OPEN, PAL! THE
ENEMY COULD BE JUST ABOUT
ANYWHERE... EVEN UNDER A
BONZO DRUM, HEARY? HOW
ABOUT YOU, DUGAN?



I'VE GOT A LEAVE OF ABSENCE
COMIN', SO I'M GOIN' BACK TA
SEE M. OL' HOME IN BOSTON!
NOW, YOU BOZOS WILL HAVE TA
KEEP YOUR NOSES CLEAN 'TIL
DUM DUM DUGAN GETS BACK
TA BAIL YA OUT!



OKAY, YA BUNCH'A GOLDBRICKS...
DON'T FORGET OL' NICK FURY'S
NEVER TOO FAR AWAY!

WELL...
TAKE CARE,
ALL!

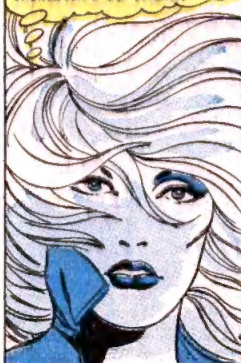


GOD
BE WILLING!

'TILL WE
MEET
AGAIN!

THEN, THE SHIELD STALWARTS DEPART
IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS... EACH WITH
SEPARATE DESTINATIONS... YET PERHAPS
THINKING THE VERY SAME THOUGHTS!

THERE THEY GO, AND MAYBE THEY'LL
NEVER SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN...
BRAVE MEN... I'LL NEVER FORGET
THEM... ANY OF THEM!



C'MON, LET'S GET OUTTA HERE! SO MANY S.P.Y.
MOVIES PLAYIN' ON THIS BLOCK, I'M BEGINNING
TA FEEL RIGHT AT HOME! 'SIDES, WE GOTTA
MAKE IT OVER TA SHIELD HQ ANYWAY!



GABE WAS RIGHT! IT'S GOOD TO GET YOUR FEET BACK ON THE GROUND! HOW ABOUT DOING A GIRL A FAVOR? LET'S GO FOR A LITTLE WALK... DO YOU MIND?

STARTIN' TA RAIN, YA KNOW!

IT'S ALL RIGHT! I LOVE THE RAIN!... IT MAKES EVERYTHING CLEAN AGAIN!

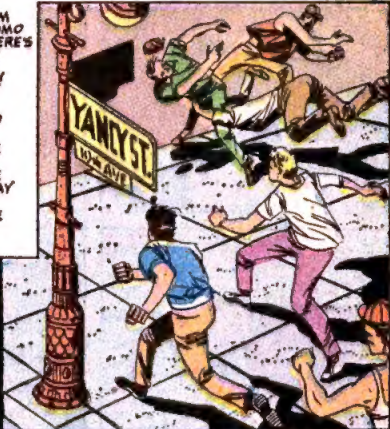
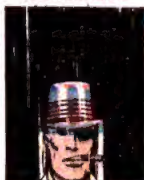
THEN, STEP RIGHT THIS WAY AN' OL' NICK FURY'LL GIVE YOU THE FIFTY-CENT TOUR! YA SEE, THIS IS THE STREET I GREW UP ON... WHEN I WAS A KID THEY CALLED IT NELL'S KITCHEN!

NOW IT'S ONLY A STONE'S THROW TO LINCOLN CENTER!

"YEAH, THINGS WERE ROUGH FOR US THEN, BUT WE STILL HAD PLENTY OF FUN! YA KNOW, WHEN YER A KID YA DON'T MIND THINGS AS MUCH! I REMEMBER A LITTLE MUTT I USED TA HAVE... JUST A LITTLE FELLA, BUT I WOULDN'T SWAPPED HIM FOR A DOZEN RUN-TIN-TINS!"

"ALL WEEK, THE GUYS WOULD SEARCH THE NEIGHBORHOOD, COLLECTIN' OLD BOTTLES WE COULD CASH IN. SO'S WE COULD GO TO THE SATURDAY MATINEE... YA SEE, THE TALKIES WERE JUST COMIN' IN..."

"WE GREW UP ON TOM MIX AND JOE BONOMO SERIALS... NOW THERE'S A GUY WHO REALLY KNEW HOW TO GET OUTTA A SCRAPE! GUESS YA MIGHT SAY THEY WERE KINDA MY BOYHOOD IDOLS! 'COURSE, THERE WAS MORE THAN THAT... LIKE FOR EXAMPLE, THE REGULAR SATURDAY NIGHT SOCIAL MEETIN' WITH THE GANG AROUND THE CORNER..."



"MY DAD WAS KILLED IN ACTION, IN 1918... BUT EVEN THO WE WERE COLD POOR AN' HUNGRY POOR, SOMETIMES WE MADE OUT A RIGHT. I CAN STILL SEE MAMMA FURY IN THE KITCHEN, SAYIN' 'CLEAN YOUR PLATE, NICKY.' I TELL YA WE HAD THE HEALTHIEST DOG ON THE BLOCK!"



SO THAT'S WHAT MAKES A NICK FURY... I'LL KEEP IT IN MIND!

Y'KNOW, SOMETIMES I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO THE REST OF THE KIDS I GREW UP WITH! I GUESS IT'S LIKE THEY SHOW IN THE MOVIES... SOME GOOD GUYS... SOME BAD!

WELL, HERE WE ARE!



WHAT'S A GUY GOTTA DO TA GET A SHAVE AN' A SHINE AROUND THIS JOINT?

HEY!! IT'S THE MAN HIMSELF!



HEARD YOU DEFEATED THE HYDRA BOYS SINGLE-HANDED, NICK! SANK THE WHOLE ISLAND ALL BY YOURSELF! THEY'LL PROBABLY MAKE YOU A GENERAL FOR THAT!

YEAH, WE KNEW YOU'D COME THRU... WE WEREN'T EVEN WORRIED!

WISH SOMEBODY WOULD'A TOLD ME IT WUZ A CINCH!

BE BACK FOR A TRIM IN A COUPLA MINUTES... STICK AROUND!

FOLLOW ME DOWN, LAURA!

THEN, AS FURY PRESSES THE CHAIR'S HYDRAULIC LEVER, THE FLOOR OPENS AND ALLOWS THE DYNAMIC DIRECTOR OF SHIELD TO BE LOWERED TO THE FLOOR BELOW...

BEEEN A WHILE SINCE I TOOK THIS LITTLE RIDE! IT'LL NEVER REPLACE DISNEYLAND, BUT IT'S STILL OKAY IN MY BOOK!

WHAT'S NEW, IN 25 WORDS OR LESS?

I HAVE YOUR ORDERS RIGHT HERE, COLONEL!

NOT AS CLASSY AS HYDRA ISLAND, I ADMIT, BUT AT LEAST IT GETS YOU HERE, RIGHT?

YOU REALLY KNOW HOW TO SHOW A GIRL A GOOD TIME!

YOU DIDN'T BRING ME ALL THIS WAY JUST TO SHOW ME THE EIGHTS? YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND... WANT TO TELL ME ABOUT IT?

YOU TOOK THE WORDS RIGHT OUTTA MY MOUTH, LADY! ALL I NEEDED WAS THIS LITTLE PAPER TA MAKE IT LEGAL!

IT'S AN AUTHORIZATION TO MAKE YOU A SHIELD AGENT! HOW ABOUT WORKIN' FOR US FULL TIME?

HOW I'VE WAITED TO HEAR THAT! I'VE REDEEMED MYSELF FOR BEING THE DAUGHTER OF THE FIRST SUPREME HYDRA!

BUT, I MUST TURN IT DOWN... AT LEAST FOR NOW! I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME LITTLE MISS LAURA BROWN PUT SOME FUN INTO HER LIFE! THANKS FOR EVERYTHING, NICK!

HEY! WHAT?

SOLDIER, THAT LADY'S GOIN' ON THE BIGGEST BLAMED SHOPPIN' SPREE NEW YORK'S SEEN IN A LONG TIME! SEE THAT GOES ON MY EXPENSE ACCOUNT!

NOW, I GOT A HAIRCUT COMIN', AND SOME SLEEPY HAVEN'T BEEN TO MY PAD IN WEEKS!

**FABULOUS FACTS AND FRIVOLOUS FABLES FOR FRANTIC FANS,
FAITHFUL FRIENDS, AND FIENDISH FOES!**

BOMBSHOCK! This is it! The new you've been waiting for! The best-kept secret since D-Day! The newest, most exciting, most daring mag that mighty Marvel has ever attempted is now on sale! (At least, it was this morning. By now, judging by the undercurrent of excitement and eager anticipation among Marveldom, it's probably nearly sold out!) The name? **BRAND ECHH!** The purpose? If everyone else is determined to imitate Marvel, we figure that your ol' Bullpen can do a better, nuttier, funnier, more exciting job of poking fun at itself than anyone else can do! But why call it **BRAND ECHH?** Because we've been steadily making those two words the most famous title in comicdom—so we figured we might as well cash in on the publicity of our own work. I think here it'll be a real competition! We guarantee you've never read a mag like it! It's jam-packed with Marvel's mightiest super-heroes, written and drawn by Marvel's top talent, and loaded with block-busting bellylaughers in every incredible panel! It's the mag you never expected to see—created by the only cavortin' crew of creative cornballs who could have done it! It'll be a priceless collectors' item before you're one week older, and we did thee not! So, take a tip from your blushin' Bullpen—if you haven't yet latched onto our first unforgettable, unforgivable issue, don't even finish this page till you've dashed to your nearest newsstand and lassoed a copy! Otherwise, how'll you know what all the excitement's about? And if you're the one you don't forget, here's a subtle little reminder: Don't be a wreck! Buy **BRAND ECHH! BRAND ECHH! BRAND ECHH! BRAND ECHH!** Oh, and before we forget—the name of the mag is **BRAND ECHH!**

SPECIAL! Here's your fill-in on Marvel's line-up of Special spectaculars for this summer. They're 25¢ apiece—king-sized and contain almost all ORIGINAL stories and features, just as you've been requesting! The first two to go on sale, in June, will be **SGT. FURY AND HIS HOWLING COMMANDOS SPECIAL**, featuring a sensational surprise, in which Col. Fury, the head of Shield, reunites his Howlers for a deadly mission in Viet Nam! It's probably the most genuinely explosive battle saga of the year! Also, we blushinglly admit that our **MILLIE THE MODEL SPECIAL** (for your sisters and gal friends) will feature a sensational surprise dealing with a long-awaited marriage! Millie, remember, Toni! (How does THAT grab ya, tiger?) Then, while you're still reeling, we'll toss two more sensations at you in July—the **DAREDEVIL SPECIAL**, in which the Man Without Fear faces five (count 'em, five) of his most deadly enemies in one of the greatest original action-epics of the century! You'll also see a whole kaboodle of fabulous features and pin-ups, as only Stan and Gene could create them! But, hang loose, Hallowed One—there's more! Our second king-size title will be **THE AVENGERS SPECIAL**, jam-packed with the new Avengers—the old Avengers—guest stars and special tales. Nick Fury, and the startling Sub-Mariner, and the "Iron" fightin' together in a 49-page-long original yarn which'll knock you outta your tree! But, does majestic Marvel ston there! (Uh

uh! We're only beginning! In August, we'll present the fabulous FANTASTIC FOUR SPECIAL, together with the senses-shattering SPIDER-MAN SPECIAL! But, let's wait till next ish before we tell you what they'll be featuring—we don't wanna drive you into a state of shock too soon!

TV TIME! Finally another few months till Marvel makes the network! Starting in September, the F.F. and Spidey will be presented border-to-border and coast-to-coast by the American Broadcasting Company! Our fascinatin' foursome will be produced by Hanna-Barbera, while your favorite web-slinger will be filmed at the Universal City studios of Grnatry-Lawrence—with both half-hour shows being in full animation and glowing color! We'll announce the premiere date real soon, but while you're waiting, be sure our web-slinger is in perfect condition so we wouldn't want you to pass a minute of em!

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STAN'S SOAPBOX!

This is a good place as any to thank you once more for being the most wonderful fans any publishing company ever had! If Marvel is on top of the heap, it's your support that's put us there! If Marvel gives you the type of mags you want, it's your letters that have told us how! And, if Marvel occasionally comes up with a clinker, go hang your head, hero! Whatever we are, you've made us! We've had a lot of laughs together, and a lot of excitement—and the best is still ahead! So face front, frantic one, Marvel's on the march—and we're not taking a step without you! On behalf of the entire bulleypulper, to The Believers everywhere: We'll stand up, "cause you're the one who's got us back on our feet!"

THE MIGHTY MARVEL CHECKLIST

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DAREDEVIL #30: We're still not sure how we did it! This one features Thor, the Cobra, Mr. Hyde, and the most dreadful defeat that DD's suffered yet! Don't miss it!

THOR #142: Remember the sensational Super Skrull? Well, he's back again, pitting all the powers of the Fantastic Four against Goldilocks! This one's a real shocker!

SUSPENSE #92: Iron Man battles Half-Face, deep in the vastness of Viet Nam! And, Captain America meets Nick Fury once more, for the start of his most spell-binding adventure!

ASTONISH #94: Sub-Mariner faces a dire double peril, in the wily Gnome . . . and the mountainous Dragorr—while the incredible Hulk smashes his way towards a world of mystery!

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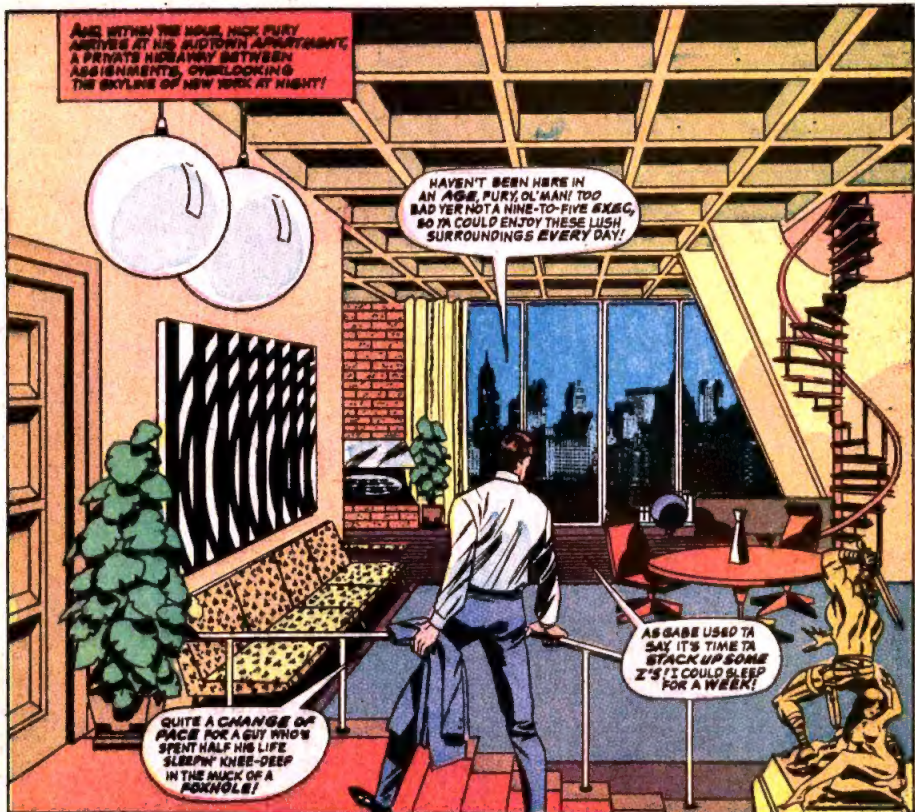
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AND, WITHIN THE HOUR, NICK FURY ARRIVES AT HIS JUDTOWN APARTMENT, A PRIVATE HIGHWAY BETWEEN ASSIGNMENTS, OVERLOOKING THE SKYLINE OF NEW YORK AT NIGHT!

HAVEN'T BEEN HERE IN AN AGE, FURY, OL' MAN! TOO BAD YER NOT A NINE-TO-FIVE EXEC, SO YA COULD ENJOY THESE LUSH SURROUNDINGS EVERY DAY!

QUITE A CHANGE OF PACE FOR A GUY WHO'S SPENT HALF HIS LIFE SLEEPIN' KNEE-DEEP IN THE MUCK OF A POKHOLE!

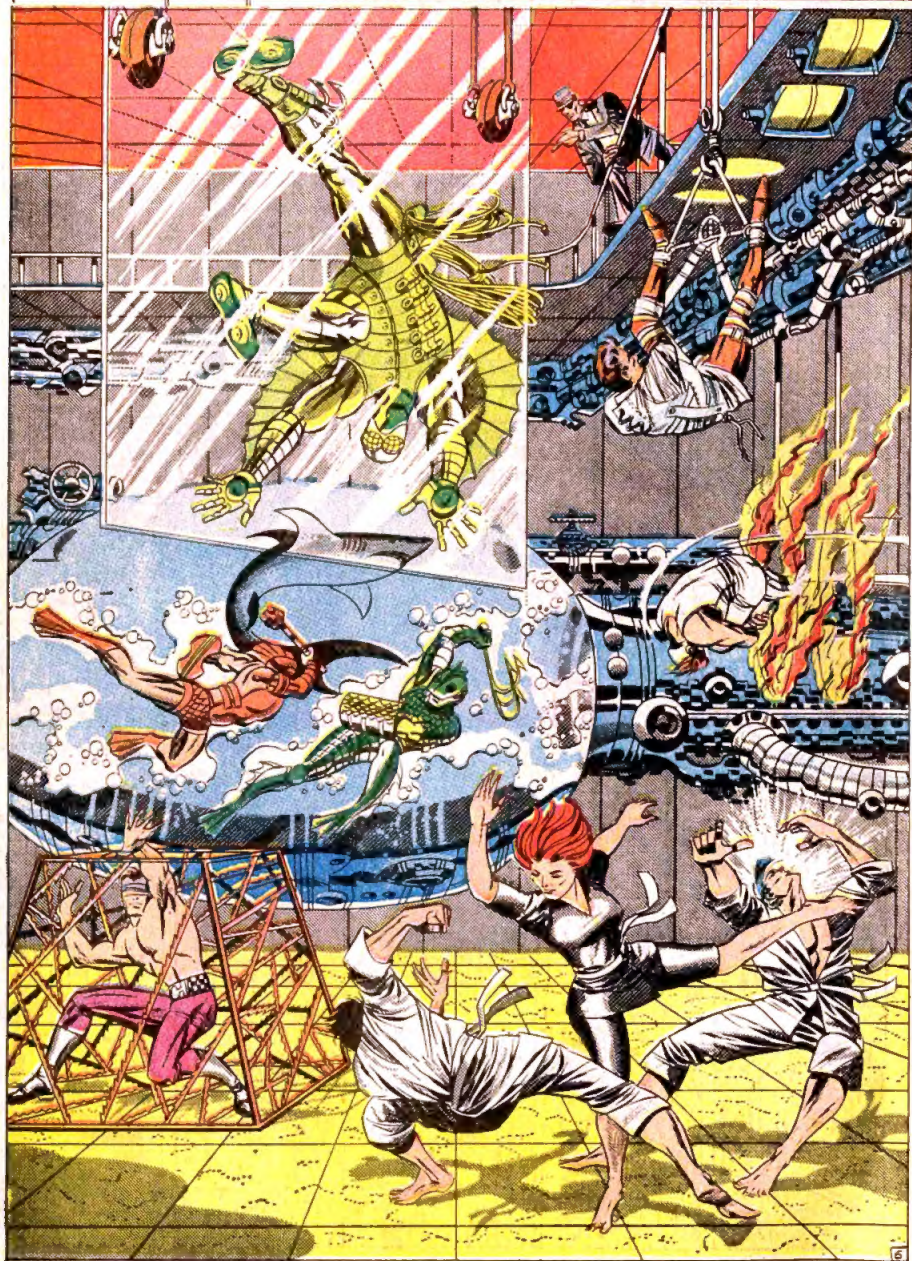
AS GABE USED TA SAY IT'S TIME TA STACK UP SOME Z'S! I COULD SLEEP FOR A WEEK!



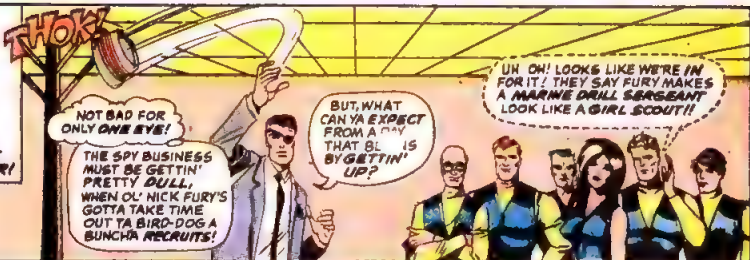
THEN, JUST LIKE ANY NINE-TO-FIVE EXECUTIVE, FURY HITS THE SACK, TRYING TO CATCH UP ON THE ENDLESS NIGHTS OF REST MISSED -- IN INTERMINABLE OPPOSITION AGAINST SUPER-CRIMINALS WITH SUPER-WEAPONS! BUT, MORNING COMES ALL TOO SOON FOR THE INDestructible AGENT, WHO DISCOVERS JUST HOW HABIT-FORMING A SOFT BED CAN BE, AND SO, AFTER A QUICK SHOWER AND SHAVE, FURY HEADS FOR UNIT... SHIELD'S SPECIAL UNDERGROUND NETWORK & INTELLIGENCE TRAINING ACADEMY, NEVER KNOWING THAT ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS AND FANTASTIC ENCOUNTERS OF HIS LIFE IS ABOUT TO UNFOLD!



THEN, AFTER ENTERING UNITS TUNNEL LABYRINTH, FURY PROCEEDS TO HIS DESTINATION, PASSING THROUGH THE VERY HEART OF SHIELD'S ADVANCED ULTRA-TRAINING CENTER... WHERE EVERY MANNER OF KNOWN COMBAT IS TAUGHT, EVERY SHAPE AND SIZE OF WEAPON BROUGHT INTO PLAY, WHERE EVERY CONCEIVABLE HAZARD IS ENCOUNTERED BY AGENTS SWORN TO SERVE IN THEIR COUNTRY'S DEFENSE!



MOMENTS LATER, THE INTREPID AGENT OPENS THE DOOR TO A TOP-SECRET CHAMBER... A ROOM OCCUPIED BY A HANDFUL OF MEN AND WOMEN, EACH CHOSEN FOR HIS OWN UNIQUE TALENT! HERE AWAIT AN ASSEMBLAGE OF WHAT MAY BE SHIELD'S MOST POTENT DEFENSE AGAINST NEW DANGER!



NOT BAD FOR ONLY ONE EYE!

THE SPY BUSINESS MUST BE GETTIN' PRETTY DULL. WHEN OL' NICK FURY'S GOTTA TAKE TIME OUT TA BIRD-DOG A BUNCHA RECRUITS!

BUT, WHAT CAN YA EXPECT FROM A FRY THAT BL IS BY GETTIN' UP?

SO YOU'RE THE BUNCHA JUNIOR G-MEN I GOTTA TAKE UNDER MY WING, HUHT? HOW DO YA APPLY FER SPECIAL DIVISION NOWADAYS... SEND IN A BOXTOP?

HOW FOLLOW THIS, HEROES... WHEN YOU GET THROUGH HERE, YOU'LL WISH YA WOULDA DEFECTED TO THE OTHER SIDE!



I BROUGHT THIS SOUVENIR BACK FROM THE LAST LITTLE PARTY I ATTENDED! AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE CALLED IT THE SATAN CLAW JUST BEFORE HE TURNED ON THE JUICE!

AN THAT WAS JUST FER OPENERS! YOU'LL BE UP AGAINST THE SAME TYPE OF THING... BUT PROBABLY MORE DANGEROUS... MORE DEADLY!

LOOKS LIKE A SEMI-AUTOMATED TRANSISTORIZED IEP ELECTRONI-TOOL!

HUHT?

EXCUSE I SHOULD BE SPEAKING UP LIKE THAT TO YOU, BUT A SIMPLE DE-GENERATING COIL WOULDA PUTTITA OUT THE WORKS!

OH YEAH! WONDER WHY IT NEVER OCCURRED TO ME TA TAKE A COUPLA THOSE ALONG?

YOU MEAN TO SAY YOU WALK AROUND WITHOUT A COUPLA THOSE? TSK!

AN' WHO MIGHT YOU BE... THE TOM EDISON OF FLATBUSH AVENUE?

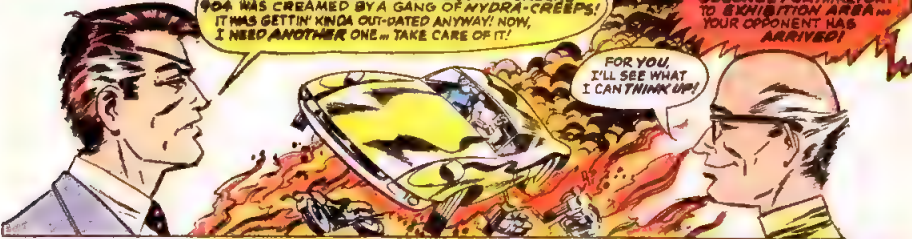
BY NAME, SIDNEY E. LEVINE! BUT, THOSE WHO KNOW ME CLOSE CALL ME 'THE GAFFY!' AND AS A COLONEL, YOU CAN CALL ME THE SAME!



OKAY, LET'S SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO! MY PORSCHE 904 WAS CREAMED BY A GANG OF HYDRA-CREEPS! IT HAS GETTIN' KINDA OUT-DATED ANYWAY! NOW, I NEED ANOTHER ONE... TAKE CARE OF IT!

COLONEL FURY... REPORT TO EXHIBITION AREA... YOUR OPPONENT HAS ARRIVED!

FOR YOU, I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN THINK UP!



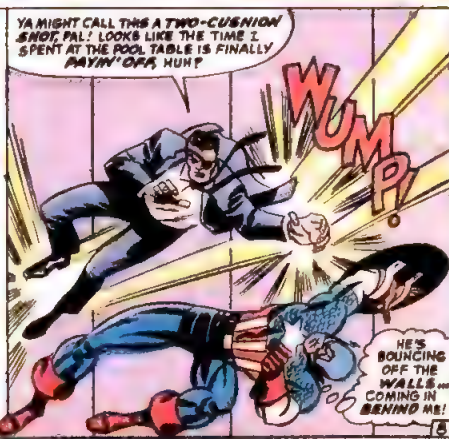
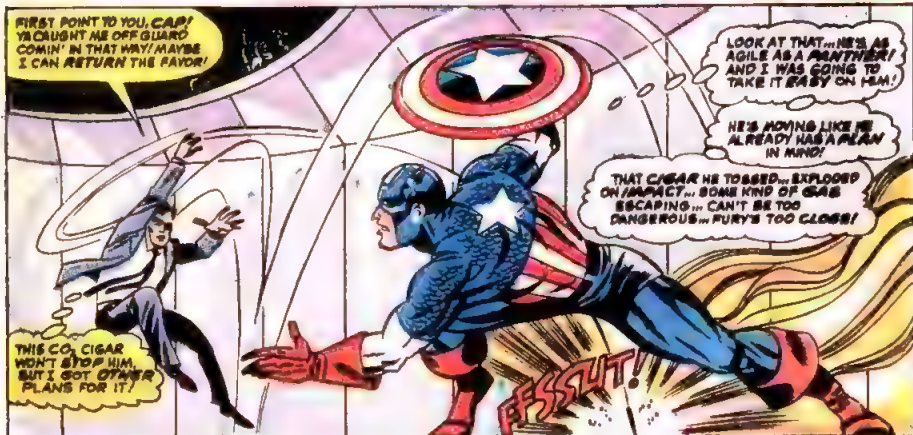
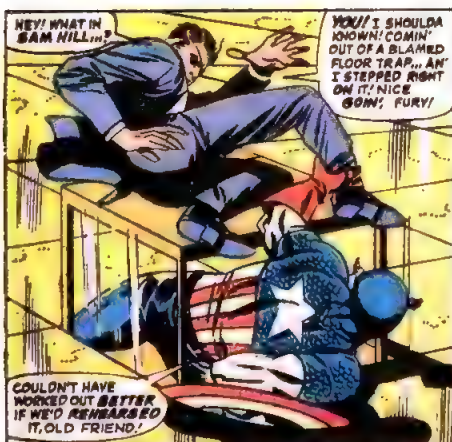
AND, EXACTLY TWO MINUTES LATER, FURY ENTERS A STRANGE ARENA-- LIKE A MODERN-DAY GLADIATOR, CAUTIOUSLY CIRCLING, WAITING TO BE CHALLENGED, WHILE HIS CLASS STUDIES HIS EVERY MOVE FROM ABOVE...

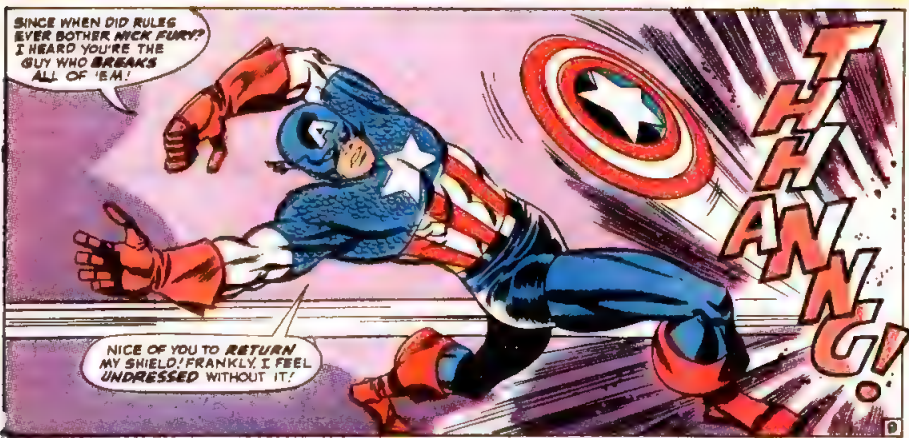
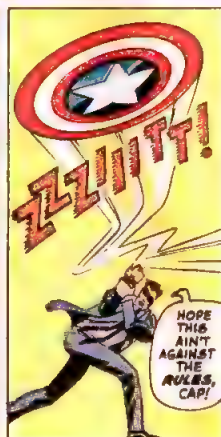
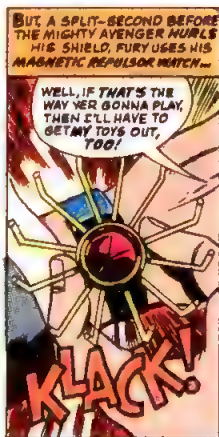
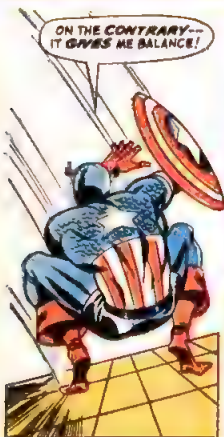
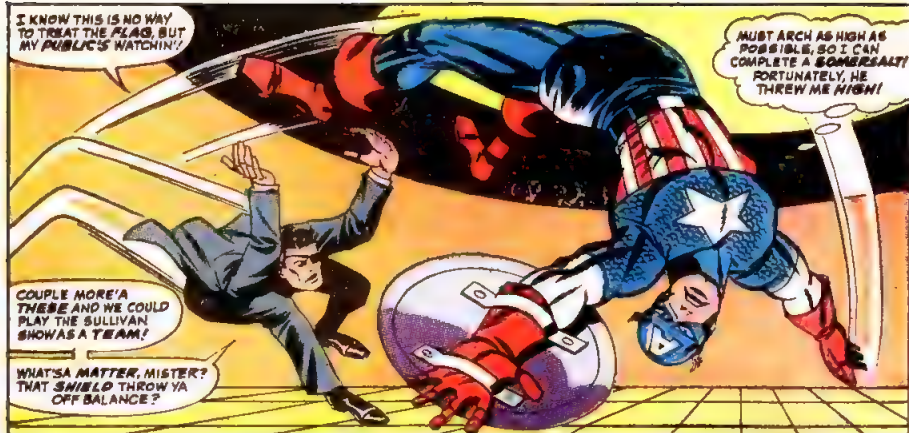
NOW PAY ATTENTION, GROUP... AN' YOU'LL SEE HOW THE PROS DO IT!

SO THIS LITTLE DEMONSTRATION IS THE REASON THEY GOT ME DOWN HERE!

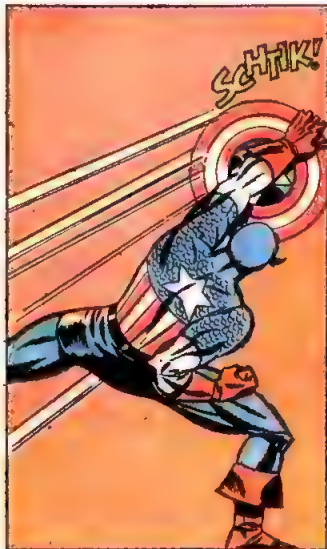
GOTTA BE CAREFUL... I'LL JUST MOVE INTO THE CENTER... GIVE ME MORE TIME TA SIZE UP WHO-EVER COMES THRU ONE OF THOSE BLASTED PANELS!







THEN, WITH SPEED THE EYE CAN BARELY FOLLOW, THE RED-WHITE-AND-BLUE AVENGER LUNGES FORWARD AND MAKES A DAZZLING MID-AIR CATCH-- A FEAT SO ASTONISHINGLY PERFECT THAT EVEN THE IMPLACABLE NICK FURY MOMENTARILY PAUSES IN ADMIRATION...



WHOEVER HAD THE IDEA FOR THIS DEMONSTRATION MUST HAVE WONDERED ABOUT ITS INEVITABLE OUTCOME!

GOTTA ADMIT, I THOUGHT ABOUT IT MYSELF ONCE OR TWICE, CAP!

I DON'T MEAN TO TAKE ADVANTAGE, COLONEL, BUT TRY TO TACKLE THIS WITHOUT ONE OF YOUR GADGETS!



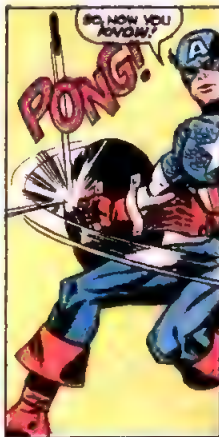
SIMPLE--IF YA KNOW HOW, PAL! ALL IT TAKES IS TWENTY YEARS PRACTICE!

GOTTA HAND IT TO YA, THOUGH! FER A GUY WHO WEARS A CORNY COSTUME, YOU CAN KEEP A GUY ON HIS TOES WITHOUT HALF TRYIN'!

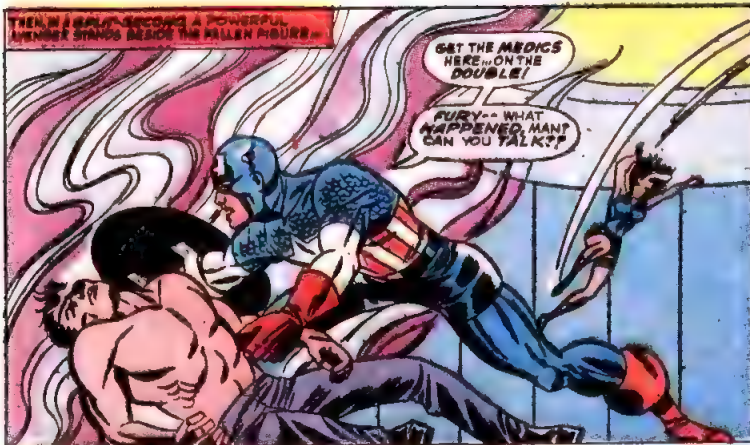


HE'S EVEN BETTER THAN I THOUGHT! SMALL WONDER THEY MADE HIM TOP MAN AT SHIELD!

I SEE NOW HOW HE COULD TAKE ON HYDRA ISLAND ALL ALONE... AND WIN!!



THEN, IN A BREATHE-SECOND, A POWERFUL
AVENGER STANDS BEHIND THE FALLEN HEROES...



GET THE MEDICS
HERE... ON THE
DOUBLE!

FURY-- WHAT
HAPPENED, HANT?
CAN YOU TALK??



DON'T
SWEAT IT,
MISTER!

TAKES MOREN THAN
TA PUT ME OUT! JUST
A LITTLE SCORCHIN'
THAT'S ALL! THEY
WARNED ME THAT
INVISIBILITY PILL
MIGHT HAVE SOME
AFTEREFFECTS!



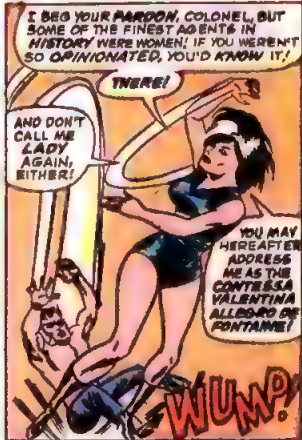
MUST'VE CAUSED ME TA BLACK OUT
FER A SECOND! I'M AWRIGHT NOW!

STAND ASIDE!
HE NEEDS ATTENTION
IMMEDIATELY!
LIE DOWN,
COLONEL
FURY!



KNOCK IT OFF LADY! WHERE IN BLAZES
DID YA COME FROM ANYWAY? NICK FURY
DON'T NEED TA BE WET-NURSED BY NO
GIRL SCOUT... NOW OR EVER!

'SIDES, THE SPY GAME AIN'T NO
PLACE FER WOMEN, ANYWAY!



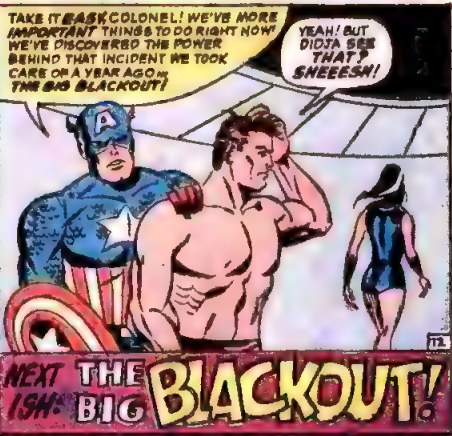
I BOW YOUR PARDON, COLONEL, BUT
SOME OF THE FINEST AGENTS IN
HISTORY WERE WOMEN! IF YOU WEREN'T
SO OPINIONATED, YOU'D KNOW IT!

THERE!

AND DON'T
CALL ME
LADY
AGAIN,
EITHER!

YOU MAY
HEREAFTER
ADDRESS
ME AS THE
CONTESSA
VALENTINA
ALLEGRO DE
FONTAINE!

WUNP!



TAKE IT EASY COLONEL! WE'VE MORE
IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO RIGHT NOW!
WE'VE DISCOVERED THE POWER
BEHIND THAT INCIDENT WE TOOK
CARE OF A YEAR AGO...
THE BIG BLACKOUT!

YEAH! BUT
DIDTA SEE
THAT?
SNEEESH!

NEXT THE
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MY SANCTUM SANCTORUM, WHEREIN
ARE HOUSED ALL MY MYSTIC EFFECTS, IS GONE
--AS IF IT WERE NEVER HERE!

HAS THE DREAD LIVING TRIBUNAL
BROKEN HIS VOW
--AND RETURNED ALREADY TO PLAGUE ME?

TO ALL WHO BEHOLD THESE PRESENTS!

BE IT KNOWN BY THE ABOVE AERAMERIC MONOLOGUE THAT A DESPERATE DR. STRANGE HAS RETURNED TO HIS GREENWICH VILLAGE HIDEAWAY-- ONLY TO FIND THAT THE ENTIRE BUILDING WAS MYSTERIOUSLY **MAINTAINED**. (AND, IF YOU WOULD FATHOM WHY, MERELY RECITE THE OCCULT INCANTATION OPPOSITE -- AND ALL SHALL BE DISCLOSED TO YOU!)

And Now:
"LET THE FLAMES THUS FLICKER LOW,
LET SHADOWS STEAL
LET THE LONELY CANDLES GLOW
OUR MYSTIC TALE--
REVEAL!!"

NOTE! AS A LAST RESORT, IF THE ABOVE SPELL FAILS TO WORK, TRY TURNING THE CASE, FAITHFULLY ONE -- AND WE'LL FILL YOU IN AS WE LEVITATE ALONGS!

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I HAD NOT NOTED IT BEFORE-- BUT, THE VERY STREETS ARE UNCOMMONLY DESERTED!

AND, I SENSE THAT A NAMELESS, FACELESS FEAR HAS STALKED THESE AVENUES, OF LATE!

BUT, BY THE ETERNAL, UNDYING VISHANTI, I SHALL--

WAIT! BEHIND ME-- IN YON ALLEYWAY! SOMEONE LURKS--!

STAND FORTH, O PROWLER IN SHADOWS! SEEK NOT TO DEFEAT THE LIGHT OF TRUTH!

HOLD, MASTER! 'TIS ONLY I!

WONG!

WONG, MOST OUTRIFUL OF MANSERVANTS-- WHY DO YOU SKULK ABOUT IN DARKNESS, LIKE ONE BENT ON EVIL?

AND, MY SANCTUM--WHAT HAS BECOME OF THE DOMICILE OF DR. STRANGE?

WHILE YOU WERE GONE, I PEERED FROM THE WINDOW-- TO BEHOLD BELOW THE FEARSOME FIGURE OF THE SISTER OF DOOMAMMU...

SO-- DR. STRANGE HAS FLED!

BUT, I SHALL GIVE EVIDENCE OF MY WRATH-- THAT ALL MAY SEE, AND TREMBLE!

ALAS, MASTER--IT WAS THE WORK OF THE UNSPEAKABLE UMAR--SHE WHO IS NOW DEPARTED!

THEN, WITH THOSE WORDS, SHE HURLED A POTENT MYSTIC SPELL, BEFORE WHICH THE WHOLE BUILDING DID WHIRL, AS IF IN A DISTORTED MIRROR...

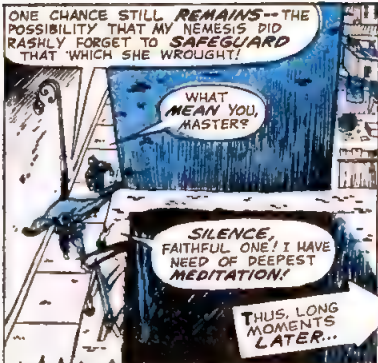
TRULY, I MYSELF BARELY HAD TIME TO ESCAPE--ERE THE VERY STRUCTURE DISAPPEARED!

MASTER--WHY DO YOU TURN FROM ME? HAVE I OFFENDED YOU?

NAY, FAITHFUL WONG! 'TIS YOUR STORY WHICH HAS THUS STIRRED ME!

PERHAPS, ALL IS NOT LOST, AFTER ALL!

FOR THOSE SKEPTICS AMONG US, THE ABOVE-RECOUNTED EVENT IS DOCUMENTED IN STRANGE TALES #151!-- SUBSTANTIATING STAK



BY THE DEMONS OF DARKNESS--
IN THE NAME OF SATANNISH--
BY THE FLAMES OF THE FALTIME--
LET UMAR'S SPELL--VANISH!!



AND, EVEN BEFORE THE
DYING SCENES OF
THE MYSTIC INCANTATION
FADE INTO THE
ENSHROUDING NIGHT..

MY SANCTUM BEGINS
TO RE-APPEAR--BACK
FROM THE FATHOMLESS
VOID TO WHICH IT WAS
BASELY BANISHED!

MASTER--FORGIVE THIS UNWORTHY PERSON'S
BOLDNESS IN QUESTIONING YOU--
BUT, WHENCE THIS
UNSEEMLY SENSE OF
DESPERATION--OF
APPROACHING CALAMITY?

PATIENCE, MOST LOYAL
OF SERVITORS--AND, ERE
LONG, ALL SHALL BE MADE
KNOWN UNTO YOU!



AH--I WAS **CORRECT**! IN HER
HASTE, UMAR NEGLECTED TO
PLACE THE **PSYCHIC SEAL OF
PERMANENCE** UPON HER
SPELL OF **VANISHMENT**!



YET, ONLY THE MOST
POTENT OF **COUNTER-
SPELLS** CAN HOPE
TO **DISPEL** IT!
I MUST **CONCENTRATE--**
AS **NEVER**
BEFORE!!



THEN...
SUDDENLY--

MAY **OSHTUR**
BE **PRaised**!

THE OMNISCIENCE OF
THE DEPARTED **ANCIENT**
ONE HAS SERVED ME IN
GOOD STEAD!

WITHIN MOMENTS, IN THE
INNERMOST CHAMBER OF
THE DARKENED STRUCTURE,
A MOST MYSTERIOUS
TABLEAU UNFOLDS...

TRULY, THE GLEAMING
CRYSTAL OF AGAMOTTO
DOES OBEY MY SLIGHTEST
COMMAND!



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EVERYWHERE ON EARTH, I BEHOLD THE AWAKENING OF LONG-DORMANT POWERS OF BLACK MAGIC!

IT IS--AS THE LIVING TRIBUNAL DECLARED--THE FLOWERING OF MANY-HEADED EVIL!

AND, IF HE COULD READ MINDS, FAITHFUL WONG WOULD LIKE IT EVEN LESS, FOR...

COUNTLESS RANDOM SCENE FLASHING MY ACHING BRAIN...

I TELL YA, I HAD THE GUY GUFFED--AND HE FADED AWAY!

WHAT'S MORE, HE TOOK THE KEY WITH HIM!

NO-- NO! IT'S TOO HORRIBLE--

I DID NOT MEAN-- I MERELY LITTERED A GLASS UNDER MY BREATH--

AND THAT PASSING STRANGER TURNED INTO--A BEAST!

LOOK! OUR MONEY--THE ILL-GOTTEN PROFITS OF A FORTNIGHT--!

FLYING AWAY--INTO THE VERY SKY!

IT'S--WITCHCRAFT!

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AND, WITH EACH PASSING HOUR--EACH FLEETING MOMENT--SUCH EVIL POWER SHALL GROW, AND FEED UPON ITSELF--UNTIL--

MASTER--PUNISH ME AS YOU WILL, BUT I MUST HEAR THE CAUSE OF YOUR ANGUISH!

IT-- IS WELL, WONG! YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW--YOUR FATE!

LET HOGGOTH'S PALE HANDS CLUTCH THE WAND OF WITCHDOMS--LET DEATH'S GOLDEN SANDS APPEAR IN THIS ROOM!!

NOW GAZE, MY TRUSTING BONDSMAN, UPON THE IMAGE OF DOOM--A DOOM WHICH DR. STRANGE HAS UNLEASHED UPON AN UNSUSPECTING PLANET!

FOR, WHEN YON SANDS HAVE RUN THEIR COURSE--THE EARTH MUST PERISH!

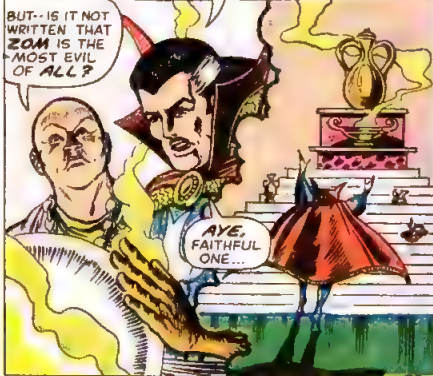
IT CANNOT BE!

SURELY, MASTER, 'TIS SOME MAD JEST--YOU PLAY!

WOULD THAT IT WERE A MERE JEST! BUT, I SHALL SHOW YOU MORE...

TO DRIVE **UMAR** FROM OUR WORLD, THE ANCIENT ONE SENT ME TO A FAR-OFF **DIMENSION**--WHERE I DID FREE THE MONSTROUS **ZOM** FROM HIS AGE-OLD PRISON!

BUT--IS IT NOT WRITTEN THAT **ZOM** IS THE MOST EVIL OF ALL?



AYE, FAITHFUL ONE...

AND, WHEN HE WAS FREED, HE DID PROVE THE TRUTH OF THE ANCIENT PROPHECIES...



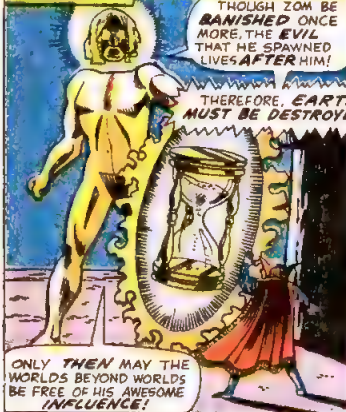
ALL WHO OPPOSE **ZOM**--MUST DIE!!

"BUT, FAR WORSE THAN **ZOM** HIMSELF WAS THE NAMELESS TERROR WHICH HIS FREED UNLEASHED UPON THE UNIVERSE..."



"FOR, AT ONCE, THE POWERS OF **BLACK MAGIC** SPREAD LIKE FLAMES AROUND THE EARTH..."

"THEN, THERE APPEARED--THE **LIVING TRIBUNAL**!"

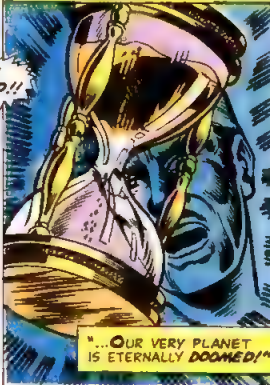


THOUGH **ZOM** BE BANISHED ONCE MORE, THE EVIL THAT HE SPRAWNED LIVES AFTER HIM!

THEREFORE, EARTH MUST BE DESTROYED!!

ONLY THEN MAY THE WORLDS BEYOND WORLDS BE FREE OF HIS AWESOME INFLUENCE!

"IF I DO NOT PURGE THE EARTH OF THE AWAKENING MYSTICS OF MANKIND, BEFORE THE APPOINTED HOUR..."



"...OUR VERY PLANET IS ETERNALLY DOOMED!"

ALREADY, THE SANDS HAVE RUN A QUARTER OF THEIR COURSE! I KNOW NOT IF EVEN I CAN SAVE THE EARTH--ALONE!



BUT, MASTER--WHAT OF THE ANCIENT ONE?

HE IS--NO MORE!

NO! I CAN BELIEVE ANYTHING--BUT THAT!!

WHO COULD HAVE CAUSED HIM HARM?

"'T WAS HIS OWN DOING, WONG--WHILST WE FOUGHT TOGETHER AGAINST **ZOM**!"



HE SACRIFICED HIMSELF, THAT HIS POWER MIGHT BE PASSED TO ME!"

GONE--NEVERMORE TO BE SEEN BY THOSE WHO LOVED HIM--

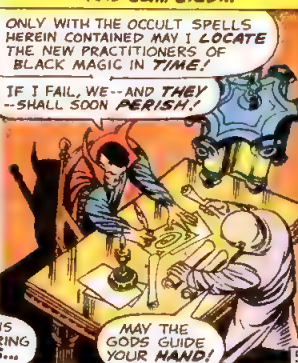


PARDON, MASTER! I--I CANNOT CONTROL MY GRIEF.

I BUT STORE UP MY OWN TEARS UNTIL ANOTHER HOUR!

FOR NOW, WE MAY BEST HONOR HIS MEMORY BY ACTION! QUICKLY--BRING ME YON SACROSANCT SCROLLS...

THEN, WHEN THE STRICKEN WONG HAS COMPLIED...



ONLY WITH THE OCCULT SPELLS HEREIN CONTAINED MAY I LOCATE THE NEW PRACTITIONERS OF **BLACK MAGIC** IN TIME!

IF I FAIL, WE--AND THEY--SHALL SOON PERISH!

MAY THE GODS GUIDE YOUR HAND!

MEANWHILE, IN A LUXURIOUS MANSION ELSEWHERE IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA...



THESE PAINTINGS WILL MAKE A WELCOME ADDITION TO MY COLLECTION!

STEALING THEM WAS SIMPLICITY ITSELF--WITH MY NEWFOUND ABILITIES!

OF COURSE, I HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO BUY THEM-- BUT, I FELT AN OVERWHELMING DESIRE TO STEAL THEM!

WAIT! SUDDENLY, I SENSE ANOTHER PRESENCE IN THIS HOUSE!



YET-- THE SERVANTS ARE GONE, AND THE DOORS LOCKED!

WH--? THE LIGHTS HAVE GONE OUT! AND-- THAT DARK FORM--!

SPEAK UP! WHO ARE YOU-- AND HOW DID YOU GET IN?

THE SAME WAY YOU ENTERED THE ART MUSEUM!



SO--YOU'RE FROM THE POLICE! WELL, YOU'LL FIND THAT I'M NO ORDINARY CRIMINAL!



FOOL!!

SOMEHOW, I'VE GAINED MYSTIC POWERS-- WHICH I'LL BE GLAD TO DEMONSTRATE-- ON YOU!



OMMM--!

DO YOU SUPPOSE THAT A POLICEMAN COULD DO-- THIS??



NOW THAT I HAVE DEMONSTRATED MY SUPERIORITY TO YOUR FEEBLE POWERS-- LOOK DEEP INTO MY EYES! LOOK, I COMMAND YOU!

NO! I CAN SENSE THAT MUST NOT--!

BUT, THE STUNNED PATRICIAN CANNOT RESIST A STRONGER WILL --AND SO...

I--WILL DO AS YOU SAY, EXCELLENCY!



OF COURSE! YOUR POWERS ARE AS NOTHING COMPARED TO MINE!

AND YET, YOU ARE NECESSARY-- NECESSARY TO A CAUSE AT WHICH YOU CAN ONLY GUESS!

SEE HOW, WITH THE MEREST GESTURE, I CONJURE UP A VISION OF THOSE WHOM YOU SHALL JOIN-- OF A BROTHERHOOD SUCH AS THE WORLD HAS NEVER SEEN!



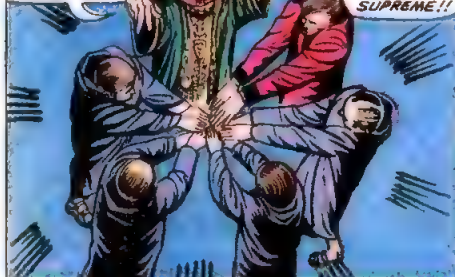
AND BEHOLD-- ON MY FACE-- THE MARK OF HIM WHO IS DESTINED TO BE MASTER OF US ALL-- INDEED, OF THE EARTH ITSELF!

AND, ERE LONG, AN UNHOLY RITUAL IS ONCE MORE ENACTED...

LET THE CEREMONY OF THE CIRCLE SINISTER PURGE ALL GOODNESS FROM THE MIND OF HIM WHO NOW JOINS US!

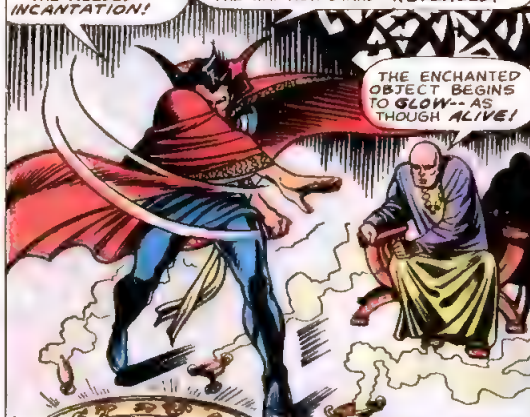
FOR, WE DO AWAIT THE ADVENT OF ONE WHO SHALL LEAD US--

AND WITH HIS COMING-- WE SHALL REIGN SUPREME!!



NOW, THERE MUST BE SILENCE-- WHILE I DO PERFORM THE NEEDED INCANTATION!

BY YON LONG-FORGOTTEN SPELLS-- BY THE SERAPHIM'S GRIM SHIELD-- TO THAT PLACE, WHERE EVIL DWELLS, THE WAY NOW STAND-- REVEALED!



THE ENCHANTED OBJECT BEGINS TO GLOW-- AS THOUGH ALIVE!

AND NOW, FAITHFUL ONE, THE GLOWING ORB BIDS ME FOLLOW IT! THERE IS TIME TO SAY NAUGHT BUT-- FAREWELL!

MAY THE DEATHLESS, DIVINE VISHANTI! EVER GUIDE THY STEPS!



MASTER-- YOU SPEAK LIKE ONE WHO EXPECTS NEVER TO RETURN!

NO MAN KNOWS THE HOUR HIS END SHALL COME, FRIEND WONG--

WHILE, IN THE PLACE THAT MEN CALL GREENWICH VILLAGE...

AT LAST-- ALL IS IN READINESS!

THE FINAL SYMBOL IS INSCRIBED UPON THE MYSTIC SHIELD!



RESTORE YON SCROLLS TO THEIR RIGHTFUL PLACES!

AYE, MASTER!

WAY-- 'TIS MORE THAN LIFE, THIS THROBBLING LIGHT WHICH NOW RISES FROM THE MYSTIC ARMOR!



'TIS A SIGN FROM THOSE WHO RULE THE COSMOS-- THAT MY QUEST IS LOOKED ON WITH FAVOR BY THE POWERS OF GOOD!

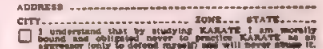
YET, IF THAT HOUR BE NIGH, LET IT BE TRULY WRITTEN THAT THE MASTER OF THE MYSTIC ARTS MET HIS FATE UNBOWED-- AND UNAFRAID!

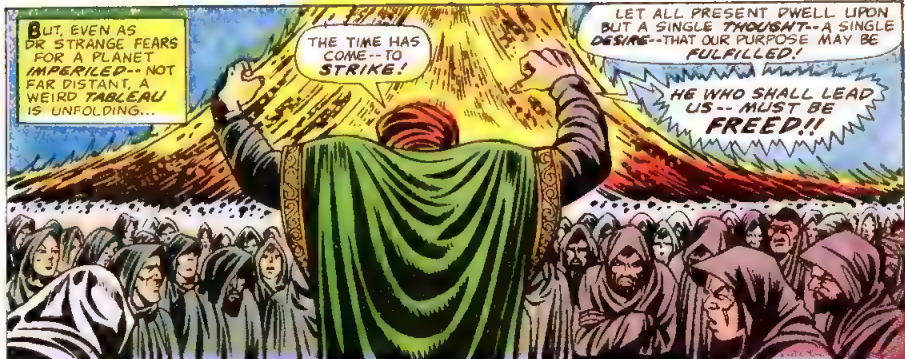


THUS, LEAD ON, O SACRED SIGN--

--WHILE A WORLD HANGS IN THE BALANCE!

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BUT, EVEN AS DR STRANGE FEARS FOR A PLANET IMPERILED--NOT FAR DISTANT, A WEIRD TABLEAU IS UNFOLDING...

THE TIME HAS COME--TO STRIKE!

LET ALL PRESENT DWELL UPON BUT A SINGLE THOUGHT--A SINGLE DESIRE--THAT OUR PURPOSE MAY BE FULFILLED!

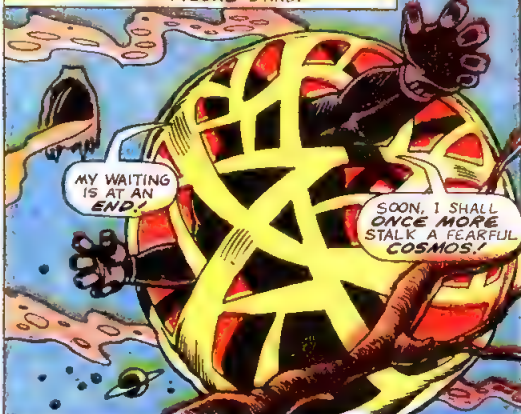
HE WHO SHALL LEAD US--MUST BE FREED!!

THEN, THE IMPOSSIBLE HAPPENS--AS A FUSION OF EVIL MINDS SPANS THE GREAT CHASM THAT SEPARATES THE DIMENSIONS...



AND, THOUGH NONE BE THERE TO WITNESS IT, THE VERY VOID ITSELF SEEMS TO SHUDDER IN DREAD APPREHENSION...

...AS, BEYOND THE VEIL OF TIME AND SPACE--A SHADOWY FIGURE STIRS!



MY WAITING IS AT AN END!

SOON, I SHALL ONCE MORE STALK A FEARFUL COSMOS!

MEANWHILE, THE SKEIN OF FATE GROWS EVER MORE COMPLEX--FOR, IN THE WORLD OF MEN...



THE GLEAMING ORB SETTLES UPON YON CRAG--!

THEN, 'TIS THERE I SHALL FIND THOSE WHOM I MOST DESPERATELY SEEK!

I PRAY THAT I ARRIVE... IN TIME!

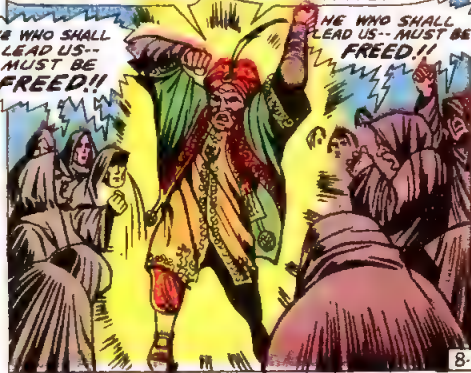
ALAS--EVEN THE GREATEST OF SORCERERS CANNOT KNOW THAT HE IS ALREADY TOO LATE--AND THAT ONE SECOND--OR AN HOUR--CAN NO LONGER MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

THE MASTER'S PRISON WEAKENS--WHILE HE GROWS STRONGER WITH EACH PASSING MOMENT!

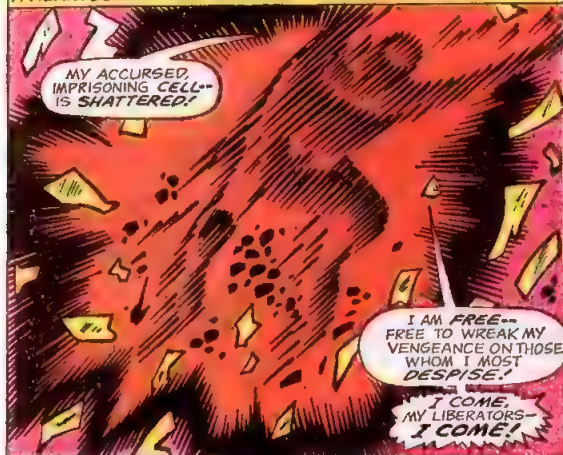
LET THE FATEFUL WORDS SPRING FROM YOUR LIPS--AS THEY ARE ETCHED ON YOUR BLACKENED HEARTS!

HE WHO SHALL LEAD US--MUST BE FREED!!

HE WHO SHALL LEAD US--MUST BE FREED!!



AND THEN--IN A UNIVERSE LIGHT YEARS AWAY, YET NEARER THAN A HEARTBEAT--A WISH BECOMES FRIGHTENING REALITY--



MY ACCURSED, IMPRISONING CELL-- IS SHATTERED!

I AM FREE-- FREE TO WREAK MY VENGEANCE ON THOSE WHOM I MOST DESPISE!

I COME, MY LIBERATORS-- I COME!

WHILE, BACK IN THIS MORTAL VALE--



AN AURA OF UNRELIEVED, UNRELENTING EVIL--GREATER THAN ANY I HAVE EVER ENCOUNTERED--EMANATES FROM WITHIN THIS STONY PEAK!

'T'WILL BE WORTH MY LIFE TO OPPOSE IT! BUT, OPPOSE IT I MUST!

THE VERY EARTH IS AT STAKE!!

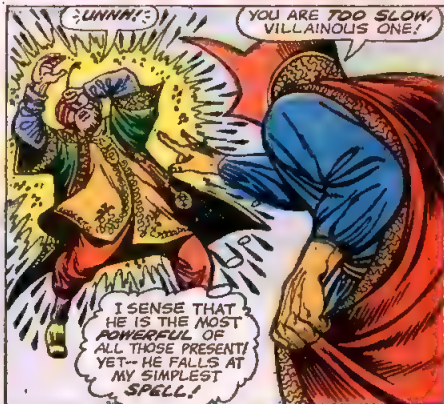


NOW--I MUST DROP THRU THIS OPENING--TO FACE MY FOES!

'TIS DONE! THE DIE IS CAST!

WE MUST SMITE HIM-- TOGETHER!

BEHOLD! IT IS DOCTOR STRANGE!



UNNN!

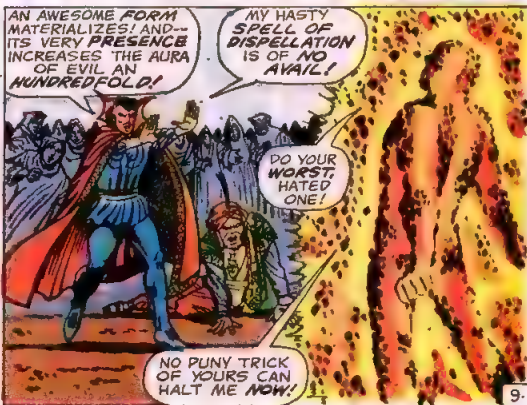
YOU ARE TOO SLOW, VILLAINOUS ONE!

I SENSE THAT HE IS THE MOST POWERFUL OF ALL THOSE PRESENT! YET-- HE FALLS AT MY SIMPLEST SPELL!



CAN IT BE THAT SO GREAT A VICTORY IS TO BE WON THUS EASILY? BUT-- WHAT OCCURS BEHIND ME?

LOOK, FOOL-- AND TREMBLE! FOR, 'TIS YOU WHO ARE TOO SLOW-- NOT I!



AN AWESOME FORM MATERIALIZES! AND-- ITS VERY PRESENCE INCREASES THE AURA OF EVIL AN HUNDREDFOLD!

MY HASTY SPELL OF DISPELLATION IS OF NO AVAIL!

DO YOUR WORST, HATED ONE!

NO PUNY TRICK OF YOURS CAN HALT ME NOW!

THE NEXT INSTANT, DR. STRANGE GASPED,
IN THE GRIP OF A SUDDEN SHOCK OF RECOGNITION...

YOU!

TRULY, I DID HALF
SUSPECT THAT IT WAS
YOU THESE MINIONS
SOUGHT TO FREE!

BUT, I DARED
HOPE IT WAS
ANOTHER--ONE
WITH WHOM I COULD
REASON, IN
TIME--!

SEEK NOT TO
SAVE YOURSELF
WITH WORDS OF
CRAVEN DECEIT,
ACCURSED ONE!
YOUR FATE IS
SEALED!

MY WORDS ARE
TRUE-- AND
GRAVE! YOU
MUST LISTEN--!

'TIS NO USE! AT HIS
SLIGHTEST GESTURE,
THE OTHERS ATTACK!

I CAN BUT HARNESS
ALL MY ENERGIES
--FOR A MYSTIC
DEFENSE!

CONCENTRATE
YOUR POWERS
AGAINST HIM,
FOOLS!

KNOW YOU NOT
THAT HE WOULD
SEEK TO HARM YOUR
TRUE MASTER?

AND NOW, PLACE THE ENCHANTED
MANTLE OF SUPREMACY
UPON MY SHOULDERS, THAT
ALL MAY BEHOLD, AND KNOW--

**MORDO
HAS RETURNED!**

MORDO! HE WHO,
ABOVE ALL MEN--
BEYOND ALL MEASURE--
IS FILLED WITH AN
ALL-CONSUMING
HATRED FOR ME!

NEVER-- NOT IN
A THOUSAND LIFETIMES
--COULD I HOPE TO
CONVINCE SUCH AS HE
TO ACT WITH ME IN
THIS HOUR OF PERIL!

YET-- IF I DO NOT--THE
EARTH IS SURELY DOOMED!!

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STRANGE MAILS

Dear Stan,

Verily **STRANGE TALES** #155 was the best magazine since I've been reading your series. Nick Fury was in his supreme moment in Jim's simply epic story! The Vortex Beam is the ultimate in transportation, but isn't it a little conspicuous to use over a big city as you did? I mean, what if some nut calls up City Hall and says there's some guy on a platform going up into a ship about 4 city blocks long and he's floating in mid-air with a two-ton giant cannon underneath him? And what about air pollution?? Shades of Agent Bronson, and speaking of him, I thought that anyone who gets near Fury goes through a whole maze of hidden cameras and the like. Seems when Hydra first appeared some General got X-rayed and such. Where were the security people, hmmm?? Out watching the Marvel Super-Heroes Show? Oh, yes, as to Doc Strange, he's usually good and Marie Severin's artwork is merely tops. Well, that's it, and may the sacred librarian grant you two more weeks on the book of Vishanti so you can find out how old the Ancient One is. It's just got to be there somewhere!

Burton Wolder, 1517 Hill Rd.
Reading, Pa. 19602

You'd better believe it's there, Burt — but we're not about to tell where! (Would 'ja believe no one in the entire blushin' Bulpen can read *Hindu*?) But, have heart, O True Believer — 'cause Mirthful Marie's working on a mystic incantation that's guaranteed to make the words of the venerated Vishanti jump right out of the page — in *livin' color*, yet! At least, that's what the cloaked guy in Greenwich Village who sold it to her said! And, as for Bronson's getting to Fury without being discovered, we're sending you a decorator approved *no-prize* for dreaming up a better answer than any of us could come up with!

Dear Stan,

I am an ardent reader of Dr. Strange and have been keeping up with him ever since the origin of the Master of the Mystic Arts. He's my favorite character. I am heart-broken about the beautiful Clea — I do wish that the troublesome Umar and the evil spirit of Dormammu would be subdued, that Dr. Strange and the Ancient One would triumph over Evil, and that the Ancient One would find another scroll with an incantation which would return Clea to Dr. Strange. I'd love to see them marry and have a family. I eagerly await all the stories to come concerning Dr. Strange.

Mrs. Beatrice Juarez, 9140 Kedvale Ave.
Spokane, Ill. 60070

So do we, Mrs. J. — so do we! And we have to confess that we'd also get a real boot out of looking into the lives of that Strange couple down the block! But, alas — such a turn of events in the life of the Mystic Master seems distant at the moment! Besides, what kind of stories could we dream up with no evil mystics

around — "Clea Must Be Freed From The Dreadful Drudgery of Dishwashing" or "Dr. Strange — Alone Against the Vacuum Cleaner"? Hooo Boy! We'd set sorcery back a hundred years!



Dear Stan,

It's time for the first in my series of one "theory of the month". My theory is that Jim Steranko, unassuming Nick Fury artist, is, in reality, Jack Kirby! Note the clues in the last issue — page 5, panel 3 gives you a clear-cut shot of the square finger tips Kirby is known for. Pages 11 and 12 show the typical Kirby muscle structure denoted by long sweeping lines. On page 7, Thor and Professor X have the famous Kirby squiggle on the chin. 'Nuff said!

Mark Evanier, 10418 Tennessee Ave.
Los Angeles, Cal. 90064

Sorry, Mark ol' man — though your peerless perception and awesome acumen are truly laudable, your cataclysmic conclusion falls a bit short of the mark. Not only is our boy Steranko not Jack Kirby, but we're not even sure that KIRBY is Jack Kirby! Actually, Jaunty Jimmy is a most talented artist in his own right who has long been an admirer of the King (as who hasn't?). The similarities you mention definitely do exist, but what's a squiggle or two amongst friends?

NEXT ISH: Latch onto the nearest vortex beam and get to the newsstand early next month, Tiger—'cause our next illustrious ish is really gonna rock your roost! An all-new villian crawls out of the woodwork to take on SHIELD and Captain America in one of the most far-out fantasy fabrications ever to pour forth from the power-packed pen of Jaunty Jim Steranko! And, that's only half the fun! Just wait'll you see Doc Strange attempt to form an alliance with Mordo and the Mystics of Mankind—only to fail, leaving earth at the mercy of our swingin' sorcerers while Doc faces impending doom at the hovering hands of... The Living Tribunal! Now—who says this isn't the Marvel age of majestic mysticism and magnificent madness?! (I Brand Echh, probably—but who listens to them?) (Brand "Y", probably—but... ew, forget it! This can go on forever!) Hang loose, Hoggath-lover—you're one of us now! 'Nuff said!

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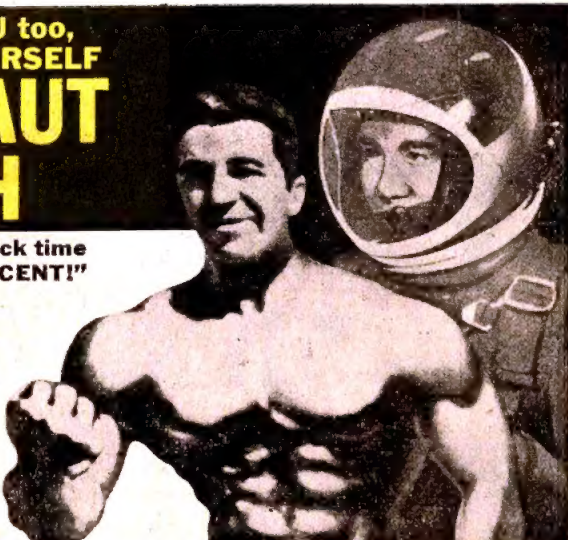
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Carl Koch was an 18 year old apprentice in a Chicago art studio when he enrolled. Today he prepares ads for such companies as General Motors and Firestone—has won five gold medals.

Howard Sanden of Minneapolis took the Course while still in high school. He is now a successful artist—last year he and his wife traveled through Europe and the Middle East on important art assignments.

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Stan Bowen, father of three children, was trapped in a dull, low-paying job. By studying with FAS he

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With Famous Artists training Rosemary Roberts was hired by a top department store as an artist—with a big chance to advance.

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It started over 18 years ago when a group of America's most successful artists—men like Albert Dorne, Norman Rockwell, Jon Whitcomb, Al Parker and Stevan Dohanos—met in New York City. They knew that all over America there were people who liked to draw who could be turned

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